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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MACHEL DEPARTS FOR NORDIC COUNTRIES

1. MOZAMBIQUE MEDIA APRIL 24 REPORTED THE DEPARTURE THE PREVIOUS DAY OF PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL ON THE FIRST LEG OF A TWO WEEK TRIP THAT WILL INCLUDE OFFICIAL VISITS TO SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK AND FINLAND, AND OVERNIGHT STOPS IN ALGERIA (APRIL 23/24) AND NIGERIA (MAY 5/6). MACHEL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A TWENTY-MEMBER DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MARIO MACHUNGO.

2. SPEAKING TO JOURNALIST ON A REFUELING STOP IN LUANDA, MACHEL SAID THAT SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK AND FINLAND HAD SUPPORTED MOZAMBIQUE'S LIBERATION STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM AND THAT HIS VISIT TO THE NORDIC COUNTRIES SHOULD BE VIEWED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF MOZAMBIQUE'S DE-  
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SIRE TO COOPERATE WITH ALL COUNTRIES, EVEN THOSE WITH DIFFERENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS. MACHEL ALSO SAID THAT COOPERATION WITH THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

3. COMMENT: MACHEL'S TRIP TO THE NORDIC COUNTRIES IS THE FIRST VISIT THAT HE HAS MADE TO ANY WESTERN COUNTRY SINCE

BECOMING MOZAMBIQUE HEAD OF STATE IN JUNE 1975.DE PREE

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